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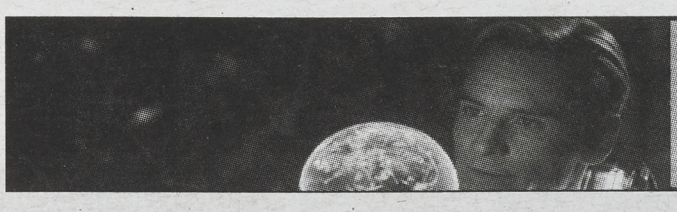

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Sixty-year-old Southern California Special Olympics athlete Dennis Williamson, number 216, runs the 50 meter race on Saturday.

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SBAC discusses potential plans for the CSU budget

The committee said tuition increases and furloughs are on the table.

BY KRISTINE MCGOWAN
Managing Editor

With a possible $250 million trigger cut lingering over the Cal State University system, the System Wide Budget Advisory Committee came together in May to discuss cost-reduction and revenue-enhancement strategies.

The committee reviewed previously suggested strategies as well as new ones, though it made no decision as to which route would be best for the CSU.

"The ideas we talk about today are … not even suggestions at this point," Benjamin Quillian, executive vice chancellor and chief financial advisor, said. "They are merely the ideas that come forward."

The CSU will be facing the trigger cut this fall if November voters reject Gov. Jerry Brown's tax measure.

However, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget Robert Turnage said regardless of the trigger, the CSU has a multi-hundred million dollar budget gap to solve based on the prior cuts.

"The magnitude of the cuts is one thing," Quillian said. "The speed with which they have happened is another."

Other members of the CSU community also took part in the meeting, such as representatives from the California Faculty Association and the California State Student Association.

Some of the most discussed topics were increases in class sizes and faculty workload, reductions to enrollment and tuition increases.

Turnage said every percentage point of tuition increase translates into approximately $15 million that can be used for educational programs.

Quillian confirmed that tuition increases would not be the sole source of revenue to cover the $250 million trigger.

Gail Brooks, vice chancellor for human resources in the CSU, said increasing class sizes from 31 to 32

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CSU starts search for new chancellor

The BOT has assigned seven trustees to the search committee.

BY KASIA HALL
Editor in Chief

The Cal State University Board of Trustees has started the search for a new chancellor, four weeks after Charles B. Reed announced his retirement and ended his 14-year tenure at the CSU.

On Tuesday, Board of Trustees Chair Bob Linscheid announced the appointment of seven trustees to a special committee conducting the search.

CSU Spokesman Erik Fallis said that Reed's decision was the "logical next step given where he [Reed] is in life."

Reed, 70, announced his retirement on May 24, saying it was an honor to serve as chancellor "during such a dynamic period in the university's history," in a letter to CSU campuses and employees.

"Our campuses have continued to flourish even in the face of budgetary challenges and tremendous growth," Reed said. "Throughout my time here, the CSU has grown by more than 100,000 students, and I have been honored to sign more than a million diplomas. I take great pride in the CSU's mission to serve California's students, and I am proud to have played a role in

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California Senate passes digital textbook legislation

The bills provides free access to textbooks for students.

BY ELIZABETH VILLAFAN
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The California State Senate approved two bills on May 30 aimed at lowering textbook costs in order to make college more affordable for students.

The bills, introduced by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, would allow students free access to digital textbooks for the top 50 college courses and print copies for $20 each. A California Open Source Digital Library would also be created to house the books.

According to Steinberg, his two bills are needed because on average a student will spend about $1,000 in textbooks per year.

"We can provide students in all three [college] systems with the highest quality textbooks at a fraction of today's cost," Steinberg said. "This is going to happen sooner or later, but as policy makers we have the ability to expedite this and to begin saving students and their families money in these most difficult times."

Robert Herrera, student at Cal State Long Beach and former University Bookstore employee, said if this legislation were to pass, textbook sales would definitely decrease at the school's bookstore.

"Of course students would rather get free books than to buy them," Herrera said. "The bookstore would be losing money, but in this case, students need to look out for themselves and not the bookstore."

According to Herrera, the bookstore would be losing money because they would not be getting reimbursed for the books that they already

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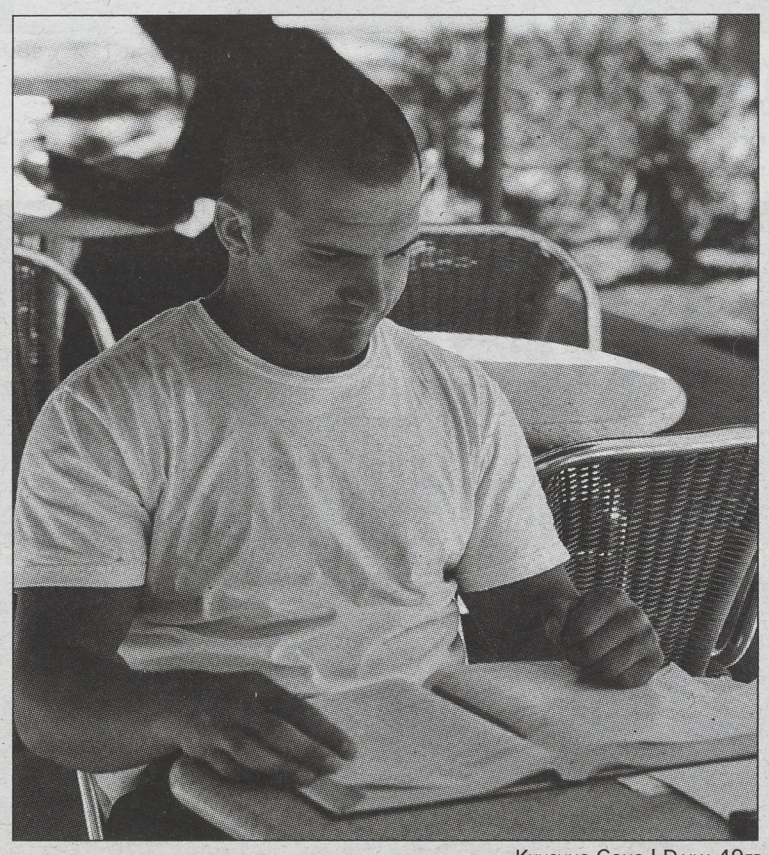

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Print textbooks will still be available for $20 while digital textbooks will be freely accessible under the new legislation.

CSU hires eight new campus presidents

The new presidents will start work in the fall.

BY RYAH COOLEY
City Editor

The Cal State University has hired eight new campus presidents to start work this fall at their respective campuses.

Many of the old presidents left their posts not to pursue other job options but instead to start their retirement, according to CSU Spokesman Erik Fallis.

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Enthusiastic athlete succeeds in Olympics

Thousands attended the Special Olympics on Saturday.

By Angela Ratzlaff
News Editor

As the shot rang from the starter pistol, the staggered line of four runners jolted to a sprint. At 60 years old with a mental disability, Dennis Williamson led the 4x100 relay, baton in hand and ready to pass it on to the next teammate.

Williamson, along with more than 1,100 fellow athletes, competed at the 42nd annual Special Olympics of Southern California (SOSC) on Saturday at Cal State Long Beach. More than 6,000 attended the event, including volunteers, coaches, athletes and the general public.

Volunteers, including KTLA, Vons and celebrity appearances, including "The Ringer" star Johnny Knoxville, showed support during the games.

The event started with an opening ceremony on Saturday at 10 a.m. with athletes from 11 different counties, including San Diego, Ventura, Tri Valley, San Luis Obispo and Southeast Los Angeles among others.

The parade of athletes followed the Long Beach State Spirit team and the Lakers Girls around the track and onto the field where the SOSC founder, 1955 and 1960 decathlon gold medalist Rafer Johnson, declared the commencement of the games.

Williamson is part of the East San Gabriel Valley team, directed by mother-daughter team Gigi and Ruth Gaskin. One of Williamson's many strengths is team spirit. He was able to rally up his teammates and influence the coaches during practice and Saturday's events.

"His enthusiasm keeps the team alive," East San Gabriel Coach Margi Schreurs said. "You can see their energy levels…when we're down, the athletes pump us up."

Athletes competed in six sports, including track and field, aquatics, gymnastics, basketball, bocce and golf. Each county had its own team with its own set of volunteer coaches.

Events consisted of heats categorized in age groups. The SOSC is all-ages, where the youngest age allowed is eight years old with no other age limits, meaning competitors as old as 80 can compete.

"It has to do with their health … if the doctor gives them the O.K.," Williamson's sister, Cheryl Henry, said.

Williamson has been competing in the SOSC for over 30 years, Schreurs said. He has been involved with the program shortly after it started in 1969.

Henry has attended the events in support of her brother ever since she was a teenager. She was often seen running alongside Williamson in his track and field events.

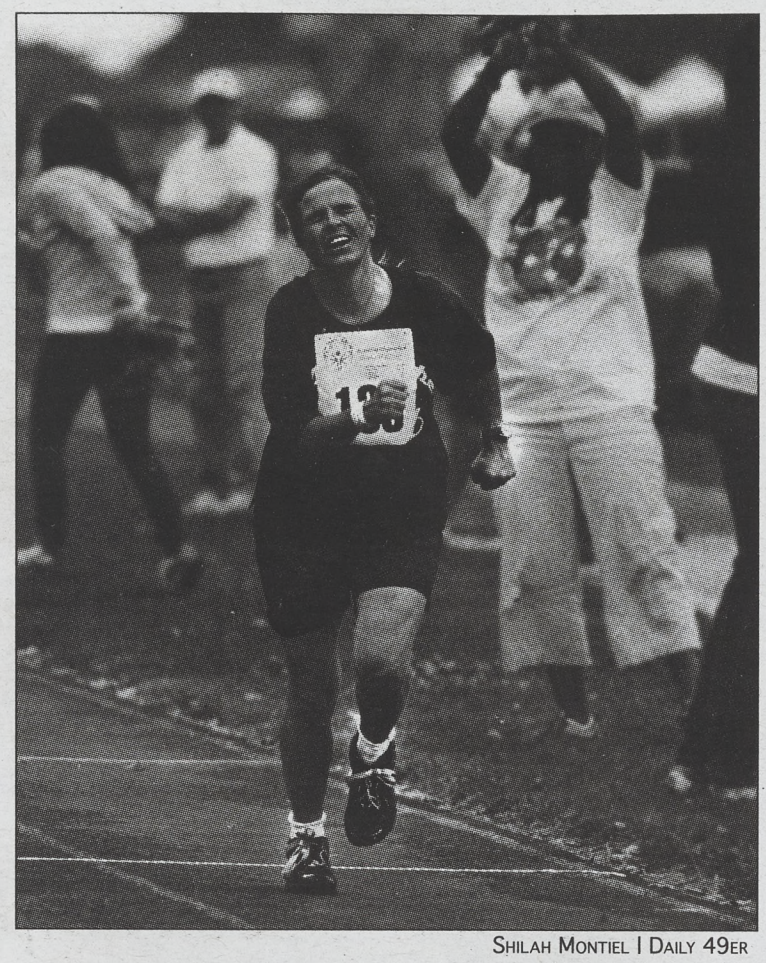
"It's a moving experience for me," Henry said. "It brings back all the memories."

While athletes were aware that they were competing against each other, a comradery existed among the opponents. After placing fifth out of six in the 50 meter dash, Williamson found time to smile and high-five his components.

"They want to be here," Schreurs said. "There are no behavior problems."

On Saturday, Williamson also competed in the 50 meter dash and shot put. His team won first place in the relay with a time of 1 minute, 2 seconds. He also scored first place in the shot put with his best distance of 5.96 meters.

"Dennis is a good guy…he's a competitor…he does his best and never has an attitude," East San Gabriel Coach Mike Goodwin said. "He's one of the leaders of the team."



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Cathy Marie Browning of the Antelope Valley team sprints for the finish line in the 1500 meter run.

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Chancellor Charles B. Reed oversees a Board of Trustees meeting. The chancellor announced his retirement on May 24, ending his 14-year tenure at the Cal State University.

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carrying out that mission during these critical years."

During his tenure, Reed created initiatives that work together with communities such as Super Sundays, where CSU leaders including the chancellor, trustees, presidents and other higher education ambassadors speak at various predominately black churches in February each year.

Reed had received criticism during his tenure for increasing executive compensation and tuition while the CSU system was losing funding due to shrinking state support.

"I wish people in California understood the prescience he has in national higher education policy," President F. King Alexander said. "If anybody were to pick any one person in higher education who has the most influence today, it's Chancellor Reed. He has received criticism since he has been here for a variety of different things. I don't think you can do that job without receiving criticism."

In the last few weeks, the chancellor of California Community Colleges Jack Scott and University of California, Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau have also announced their retirement.

The other trustees appointed to the search committee are Roberta Achtenberg, Debra Farar, Kenneth Fong, Steven Glazer, Jullian Ruddell and Board chair Linscheid. The committee also includes faculty trustee member Bernadette Cheyne and student trustee Jillian Ruddell.

A job description for the chancellor position has been posted to the CSU website and the CSU has begun to accept applications. Once the applicants have been reviewed the full Board will then vote on the new chancellor.

The search committee will hold its first meeting to receive input from the public on June 28 at 10 a.m. at the chancellor's office in Long Beach.

The California Faculty Association, who requested to be part of the committee, said the CSU was already starting the search without consulting the public by creating and distributing the job description before the public meeting.

"[The search committee meeting], that is as much as a direct input opportunity that can possibly be created," Fallis said.

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Fulbright scholar to study the history of Braceros

The grant will aid research in Mexico.

By Jaynee Mathis
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Recent graduate Liliana Montalvo will spend a year in Mexico on the Fulbright grant.

Growing up in south central Los Angeles, Cal State Long Beach alumna Liliana Montalvo never expected to have the opportunity to conduct research in Mexico for a year.

Montalvo, 22, was in the process of graduating from Cal State Long Beach with a bachelor's in history this May when she applied for the Fulbright program, which provides educational exchanges for graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists who exhibit academic merit and leadership potential.

Montalvo's interest in the Bracero Program — a program that solicited Mexican laborers to come and work in the United States from 1945 to 1965 — compelled her to apply for the research grant.

The word "Bracero" in Spanish describes a person who works with their hands and arms.

"I started talking to [the Braceros] and hearing their stories, and I became very interested," Montalvo said.

Through research, Montalvo discovered that her grandfather was a Bracero. Montalvo said her questions revolve around what influenced some Braceros to stay in the United States and what caused others to move back to Mexico. Montalvo exemplifies this transition.

"I'm an American citizen, not a Mexican citizen," Montalvo said.

Montalvo's Fulbright grant will give her access to newly available digitalized government documents pertaining to the Bracero exchange. Montalvo said she is interested in seeing how the government documents and oral histories correlate.

According to Montalvo, oral history is the process of finding out about history through talking to everyday people, marginalizing the perspective of the elite.

"It's about finding out how people fit the bigger narrative of history," she said.

While in Mexico, Montalvo said she wants to reconnect with family. She has a few great uncles who are in their 90s, and she wants to hear their stories about her grandfather and his Bracero experience.

In order to receive the Fulbright grant, Montalvo submitted a grand proposal and a statement of purpose declaring her intention to research the newly digitalized Bracero documents.

A panel composed of 12 members chosen by President Obama approved Montalvo's proposal and statement. Spanish scholars from Mexico City then interviewed Montalvo via Skype.

The Fulbright grant will cover Montalvo's living expenses, research and books. Montalvo said this experience is surreal, because the allowance for her research surpasses her current economic situation.

Montalvo grew up in south central Los Angles where she said her high school class held over 1,000 students, but only a few hundred graduated.

"We were happy we made it past 18 and didn't get pregnant. We beat the statistics," Ana Cruz, junior international studies major and friend of Montalvo, said.

Montalvo said she prepared for herself a plan A, B and C when applying for the grant. Plan A was to get the grant and research in Mexico. Plan B was to spread out her classes and stay in school for another year. Plan C was to attend a plumbing vocational school.

"We need skills in this world," Montalvo said, "I can make money and break gender barriers [being a plumber]."

Assistant professor of history, Ali Igmen, said Montalvo is very engaged and displays leadership in her various endeavors.

"Lili goes above and beyond what a typical student does," Igmen said.

White House seeks input from CSULB on new financial aid guide

The shopping sheet will allow students to compare colleges affordability.

By Monique Carnes
Features Writer

White House officials announced a new "Know Before You Owe" financial aid shopping sheet to calculate how much money students would have to pay back for loans after they graduate from college.

The shopping sheet, which will go into effect in fall 2013, will make financial aid offers easier to understand by creating an outline specific to each student's net cost of college after grants and scholarships are awarded.

College presidents and officials from 10 different colleges and universities were invited to reach an agreement for the shopping sheet. The participants also made a commitment to provide their students with this deal.

President F. King Alexander was invited to attend the White House meeting to discuss the shopping sheet but was unable to attend.

"It's hard for us when you get a call on Friday to your office, and they say can we get here Tuesday morning," Alexander said.

Although Alexander was not in attendance, the Obama administration has been contacting him for his input on the shopping sheet because the Cal State University system has already been using its own form of one.

"We're very supportive of it," Alexander said. "We've been doing this for four years but not only this but more. We were encouraging the White House to catch up to us."

Cal State Long Beach's version of the shopping sheet can be found under the public goods page on the college portrait page. On the public goods page, a student can compare the price to attend CSULB with other universities in the nation.

The "Know Before You Owe" financial aid shopping sheet is a part of President Obama's college scorecard, which will allow students to compare colleges by affordability.

Colleges will provide the shopping sheet to prospective students to increase transparency with the students' likely debt when they graduate. The estimates will be recalculated each year as students fill out their financial aid applications.

"[Obama] is very worried about the indebtedness of student loans," Alexander said.

Alexander said that the shopping sheet gives parents and students a clearer understanding of how much schools cost, because they tend to think that institutions charge 30 percent more than they actually do. He also said this will allow students to make a more accurate decisions on which college to attend.

"Many institutions have been part of the problem because they haven't been forthright about repaying their loans," Alexander said.

Alexander said that the shopping sheet was rushed due to the July 1 vote on the subsidized Stafford loan interest rate.

He also said that in the future, the shopping sheet will be adjusted from the current example provided.

"I'm not content with just adopting this template, because we're doing so much more," Alexander said.

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students could save as much as $36 million. However, she said that such an increase could negatively impact faculty in carrying out their full range of professional responsibilities.

Brooks also discussed the reduced enrollment plan for spring and fall 2013, explaining that each one percent of declined enrollment produces a net budget impact of $20 million.

However, CSU spokesman Erik Fallis said reducing enrollment does not necessarily save money but instead "[brings] your enrollment in line with the resources you have."

Even with discussing potential plans for the budget's future, the committee dismissed other previously mentioned plans, such as shutting down campuses. Quillian said closing a campus "would be contrary to [the CSU's] mission."

Nevertheless, other plans of cutting academic programs and furloughs, which previously reduced expenditures for a year by $270 million, according to Turnage, remain on the table.

Quillian said the CSU cannot wait for the vote on Gov. Brown's tax measure to make plans for handling such a large trigger.

"If it doesn't pass, we have to be ready to move," Quillian said.

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bought.

Long Beach City College student Richard Figueroa-Mejias said he thinks the legislation is a great idea and would take advantage of the digital textbook system because he spends $500 per semester on books.

"If my books were accessible [online] I would be able to do my work when needed and I could save my money for more important things, like rent," said Figueroa-Mejias. "The cost of books is what keeps me from going [to school] full-time; I base my schedule if I can afford the books."

The first measure, Senate Bill 1052, passed by a vote of 32-2. The bill will create a council with representatives from Cal State University, University of California, and California Community Colleges to decide which textbooks will be added to the digital library and who will oversee the library.

Senate Bill 1053, the second measure of the bill, will use the decisions from the council to create a digital library for the open-source materials.

According to Southern California Public Radio, the textbook industry is concerned about state government funding digital textbooks and potentially dictating to faculty that they must use the textbook materials chosen by the council.

If the legislation is passed, it will go into effect in January. It would cost about $25 million dollars to implement.

The bills have now been passed on to the State Assembly for a final vote.

Presidents

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"Most are leaving to retire," Fallis said. "Only one [president] left to pursue another position. Part of that reflected the age and duration many of our presidents have served."

To replace the campus presidents, Willie Hagan has been appointed at Dominguez Hills, Mildred Garcia at Fullerton, Thomas Cropper at Maritime, Eduardo Ochoa at Monterey Bay, Dianne Harrison at Northridge, Tomas Morales at San Bernadino, Leslie Wong at San Francisco and Joseph Sheley at Stanislaus. All the presidents were appointed within the last six months.

However, the presidents appointed at Dominguez, Monterey Bay and Stanislaus are all interim, and the positions are technically vacant until search committees find and hire permanent presidents for those campuses.

The length of time it takes to find a new campus president varies widely, according to Fallis.

"There are searches that have been conducted in a matter of months and others that have taken closer to a year," Fallis said.

Occasionally, an interim president could be hired as a permanent president, like Leroy Morishita, who served as the interim president of Cal State East Bay for nearly six months before being hired on permanently.

Four of the new presidents, Ochoa, Cropper, Morales and Wong, were appointed only last month. Ochoa previously served as the provost and vice president for Sonoma State University and will now serve as interim president of Monterey Bay until a permanent president is found.

Morales previously served as president of the College of Staten Island in New York and will now be the president at CSU San Bernadino. Wong joins San Francisco State University after leading as president at Northern Michigan University.

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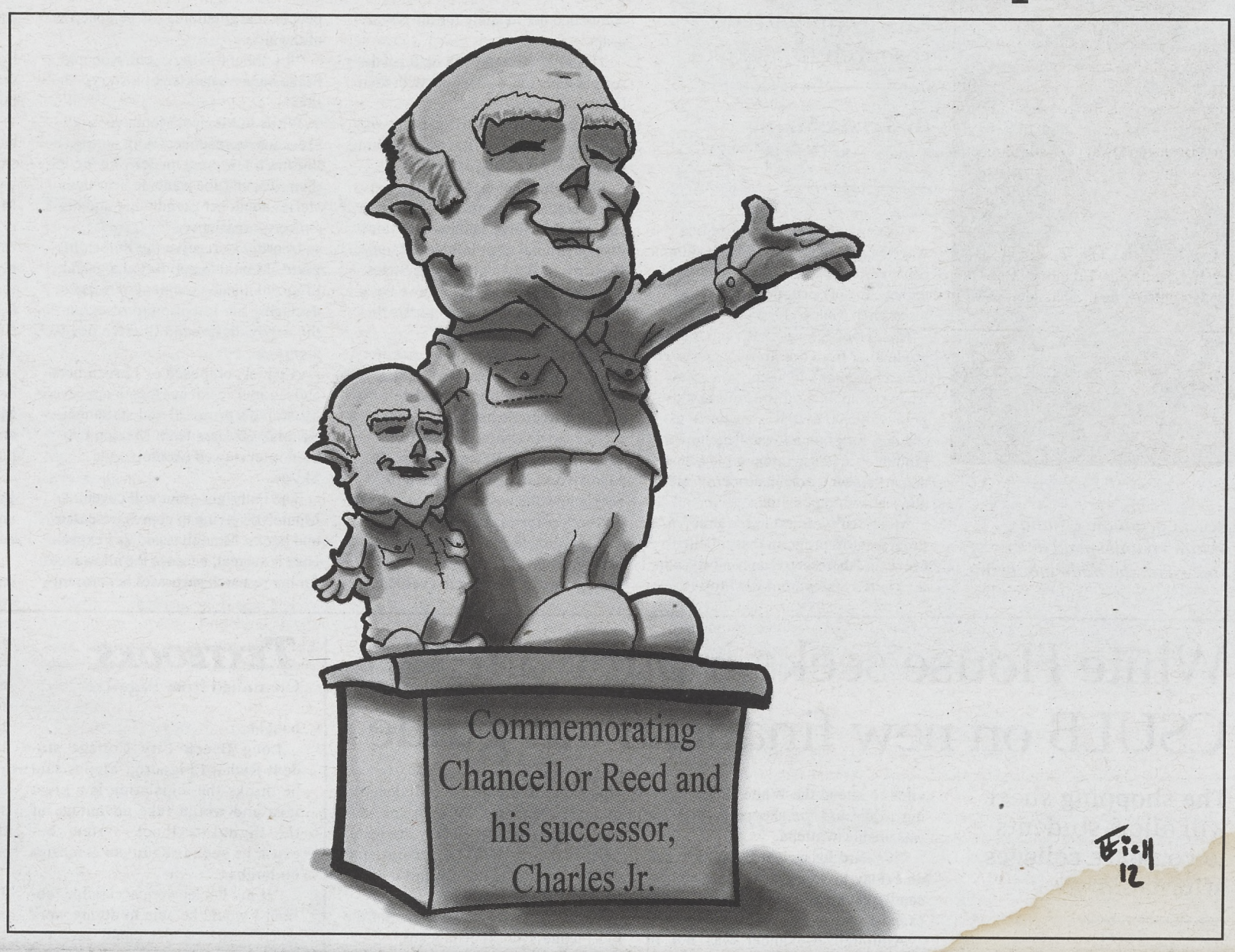

OUR VIEW

After being under Charles B. Reed's reign for 14 years, the Cal State University system is free to search for a new chancellor.

On Tuesday the CSU announced the creation of a special committee designed of seven Board of Trustees members.

This news comes on the heels of Reed's retirement announcement on May 24.

The Board, which includes a student and faculty trustee, is responsible for the search of Reed's successor.

Following a school year full of rising tuition, unit caps, student protests and faculty strikes, the CSU system is in distress and in dire need of new leadership.

On June 28, the committee will hold a public forum to hear the concerns of students and faculty.

This will give major stakeholders a chance to voice their opinion on who the CSU should be looking for in a time when state funding will be on the chopping block this November.

While this meeting paints a picture of transparency the committee is trying to achieve, it does not necessarily do so entirely.

Siding with the California Faculty Association, we realize the creation of the search committee means that a job announcement and position description have already been written and circulated.

If this is the case, what kind of input will the trustees ask for when they hold their open meeting?

If trustees have already drafted a job description of the chancellor they are looking for, they have already told the public what to think, as opposed to starting from scratch.

The June 28 meeting should be a forum to shape the ideal chancellor, not to make changes to job description that was already decided.

Once the committee does start their search, they should release the names of the potential candidates to the public.

As one of the largest public university systems in the U.S., candidates should not be adverse to the publicity. Stakeholders in this decision deserve to know who are the potential candidates for chancellor.

Furthermore, the committee should send the potential candidates to the CSU campuses to see how they interact with the campus communities.

Students should get a chance to see the face of our potential leaders and have the chance to interact with them. We, as students, want a chancellor who thinks of us first. Meeting him or her face-to-face can only increase our trust.

Low graduation rates and increased tuition are problems that affect students nationwide. Students of the CSU are facing even higher obstacles as the state continues to shrink its support. As many find it difficult to graduate in four years with tuition increases, there is something very wrong with higher education in this state.

Whoever the committee chooses should make it their top priority to fix the many problems with our CSU system.

It will be tough righting this ship, but a changing of the guard will certainly brighten spirits.

This would be the chancellor the CSU system deserves, and the one it needs right now.

Children's Facebook profiles may risk their identity development

CHASEN DOERR

There are milestones in life that everyone looks forward to reaching. When you are 16, you can drive a car. At age 18, you are legally an adult. At age 21, you can drink. At age 25, well you can rent a car.

One of these milestones is about to be taken away however.

Until age 13, young Internet users are not allowed to create Facebook profiles.

However, Facebook is testing new technology that will let innocent children be sucked into their massive social networking empire.

The new technology would link children's pages to those of their parents. Parents would have the authority to approve friend requests and access to applications for their children. The under-13 pages would be a toned down version for the Internet's tiniest surfers.

In reality, this will not introduce children to Facebook. Parents let their children use their own Facebook profiles to play games like Farmville. Some parents are guilty of allowing their children to fake their ages so they can create profiles before they come of age.

However, many parents are rightfully concerned with Facebook allowing preteens to use their social networking website. It is no question that the amount we are connected to our social networking profiles is changing the way we interact as human beings. Whether it is for better or worse, being hooked onto Facebook will definitely have an impact on the developing identity of a child.

Children may begin to believe that since communication through the Internet is so quick and simple that it must be the ideal way to communicate. By instilling this idea so early it can speed up the loss of face-to-face contact of this web-obsessed generation.

Yes, this would be the most extreme of scenarios, but it is something to think about.

But even with this possible detrimental reality, why does Facebook need preteens?

The answer is simple — advertising.

While there are strict laws limiting what online advertisers can take from those under 13 without parental consent, it doesn't mean Facebook can't find ways to breach this privacy.

Knowing what children want is very important to advertisers. If Facebook can provide a new avenue for advertisers to crack into the youthful brains of its users, advertisers can market more efficiently. If Facebook does allow preteens to create profiles, it is difficult to predict the affects it will have on children overtime.

Facebook can be as addictive as nicotine in cigarettes. You wouldn't give a child a smoke would you? Facebook should be considered the same.

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The Miami Heat should consider breaking up the Big Three

SHANE NEWELL

It's true that money can't buy you happiness. It's also true that money can't buy you an NBA championship, as shown by the Miami Heat.

After Game 1's disappointing loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder Tuesday, it's clear that the Miami Heat's "Big Three" should be broken up.

The Big Three, consisting of Lebron James, Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade, collectively earned almost $46 million during the 2011-2012 season.

With salaries like that, the Heat should be invincible.

Tuesday night's loss showed the country that the Heat need to get rid of the "Big Three."

After outscoring the Thunder 54-47 in the first half, the Heat looked like they were going to steal a victory.

Like many games before, the Heat crumbled under pressure.

Dwayne Wade, who shot 7-19 from the field, proved that he is unreliable in clutch moments.

It seems as though there is awkwardness between James and Wade, as evidenced by their previous series against the Boston Celtics.

When deciding who should take the last shot, it is apparent to those watching that James and Wade are playing a game of hot potato.

This fact contributes to many of their late losses. With salaries of $16 million and $15.5 million respectively, Wade and James should avoid the awkward situation altogether.

Wade's pitiful first half performances and James' failures in the clutch show that the two cannot coexist on the same team.

The Heat would be better off if the Big Three, rather the Big Two, were broken up.

The Thunder, Celtics and Pacers, all opponents of the Heat this year, show that it is the underpaid players that can make just as big of an impact.

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, of the Thunder, make $20 million combined. Thabo Sefalosha, Derek Fisher and James Harden, the Thunder's supporting cast, only make $11.3 combined.

Their impact is just as great as one of the Heat's Big Three.

If they were to dissolve the Big Three, the Heat would be a better team.

With the money they spend on James or Wade, the Heat could find other Sefaloshas, Fishers and Hardens that would play with more heart and fervor.

If the Heat want to succeed, someone has to go.

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People should stop taking Dr. Oz's health advice so seriously

ANGELA RATZLAFF

His show started in 2009 with the intent of sharing every day medical advice.

Having been affiliated with the goddess of daytime television, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Oz quickly generated a large following.

The women who watch his show can't seem to get enough. His name is everywhere in the media, from magazine covers to appearances on the radio.

As if that were not enough, his presence has haunted me every day as I walk into work, which so happened to be the supplement section of the health foods store, Sprouts Farmers Market.

The Oz advice sticks in customer's heads as they approach me with their repetitive requests.

Don't get me wrong. Oz is a smart fella.

He received his undergraduate degree at Harvard, managed to get an MD and an MBA degree at the same time.

He has since become a professor, surgeon and author.

He has a lot of knowledge under his belt about the human body and how it works.

Offering advice is his job, and if it is in the format of a well-produced daytime slot mostly viewed by those who have an hour to spare between three and four p.m., then more power to him.

Recently, he has been endorsing a list of weight loss regiments: raspberry ketones (a fruity compound that adjusts hormones to boost metabolism), forskolin (an Indian herb used by bodybuilders), saffron extract (an appetite suppressant), 7-Keto (another hormone adjuster) and safflower oil (the fat that fights the fat).

The raspberry ketones promise to shed one pound a day. *One pound a day.* Something I find to be humanly impossible, but hey, the expert went to Harvard, right?

Men and women enter health-food stores, including Sprouts Farmers Market, Whole Foods and Mothers Market, with the intent to leave holding miracle weight-loss supplements in their hands.

The women are usually in the beginning stages of menopause and looking to boost their declining metabolism, a natural occurence in the female aging system. Somehow women tend to deny this stage in their lives and try to find any way to avoid the changes that happen to their body.

The men usually stutter that they are looking for the ketones, looking down at their shoes and avoiding eye contact with the vitamin clerk, hiding the fact that they are looking to lose weight. Usually, men do not like to admit that they are concious of their figure. But really, they care about appearance just as much as any woman.

Relying on a bottle to make one look like a magazine cover figure seems questionable.

There is also the fact that most of these women are over the age of 50 and do not need to worry about weighing a smidge more than super model Heidi Klum. The grey-haired women, smelling of french lilac perfume and wearing floral blouses paired with cropped khakis, walk in with the list of products they must have.

Once they found the shelves empty where the products once sat, and they stammered and stomped out in disappointment. Some looked longingly into my eyes, asking when the product would come in next.

All they need is that one bottle, the bottle of all cures.

There is always a bottle for it, whether it is weight loss, sleep deprivation, anxiety, hair loss, wrinkles, acne, leg veins or weak nails.

Whatever it is, there's a bottle for it.

Rather than relying on capsules or soft gels, more individuals should consider eating better and going for a 30 minute walk every now and then.

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Prometheus: a convoluted, yet thrilling adventure

The film offers many interesting questions but few answers.

By Matt Grippi
Diversions Editor

Ridley Scott began his career by creating two science fiction classics that permanently altered the genre for years. "Blade Runner" asked deep questions about the nature of humanity. "Alien" was responsible for making Ellen Ripley one of the most famous female sci-fi heroes, played by Sigourney Weaver.

Scott finally returned to the sci-fi horror genre this year with "Prometheus," a film which attempts to both establish a strong female lead while asking deep questions. Unfortunately, it doesn't quite succeed at either of those things.

The plot involves two scientists, Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo") and Charlie Holloway (Logan Marshall-Green) who discover a pictogram in a cave which proves that aliens visited the earth thousands of years ago and points out a planet in a faraway galaxy. They believe that the aliens may be responsible for the creation of life on earth. This information piques the interest of Peter Weyland (Guy Pearce, "Memento") a very old and very rich man who spends a trillion dollars on an expedition to the mysterious planet.

Led by captain Meredith Vickers (Charleze Theron), the team travels to the planet and finds piles of strange dead bodies and hundreds of vials of mysterious black ooze. As they explore, they find that these "creators" may not be as benevolent as they thought.

"Prometheus" began as a planned prequel to "Alien" but then evolved into something else when screenwriters Damon Lindelof and Jon Spaihts came on board. Lindelof is known for his work on the popular television series "Lost," which ended in 2010 with a controversial finale that failed to answer some of the biggest mysteries of the show.

Lindelof causes similar problems in Prometheus by asking fascinating questions about the nature of God and humanity early in the film but failing to follow through with the answers in a satisfying way. This kind of ambiguity leaves the audience both frustrated and confused when they leave the theater and cheapens the film as a whole.

Luckily, the film is so beautifully directed by Ridley Scott that the audience most likely won't notice all of the plot holes while watching it. From the first shot of the opening credits to the final reveal in the end, Scott sells the story with mind-blowing visuals and amazing special effects.

Another one of the strong points of the film is the android David played by Michael Fassbender. Fassbender steals almost every scene he's involved in, somehow being creepy while also sympathetic. His monotone British accent and matter-of-fact discussions about life are some of the most enthralling parts of the film, but the script does not explain some of the character's motivations, leaving another plot hole.

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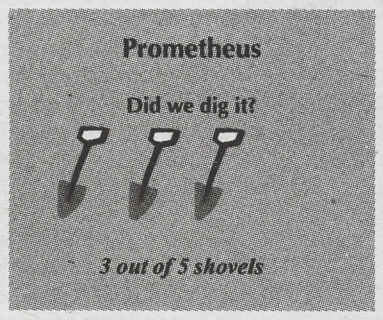
Michael Fassbender examines one of the film's many mysteries.



In the end it is hard not to feel disappointed by "Prometheus" after the years of hype. Elizabeth Shaw never really reaches the level of Ripley as a strong female lead, and the questions that the film asks about God and the creation of life are left unanswered. Unfortunately, these unanswered questions make up enough of the plot to make the film convoluted and ultimately unsatisfying. This keeps "Prometheus" from reaching the level of Ridley Scott's previous science fiction classics.

Despite the plot holes and weak script, the film is still worth seeing for the visual spectacle alone. Every shot is beautiful and the scenes on the alien planet are effectively thrilling and scary. It is not a bad film, but it is disappointing because it was almost a masterpiece.

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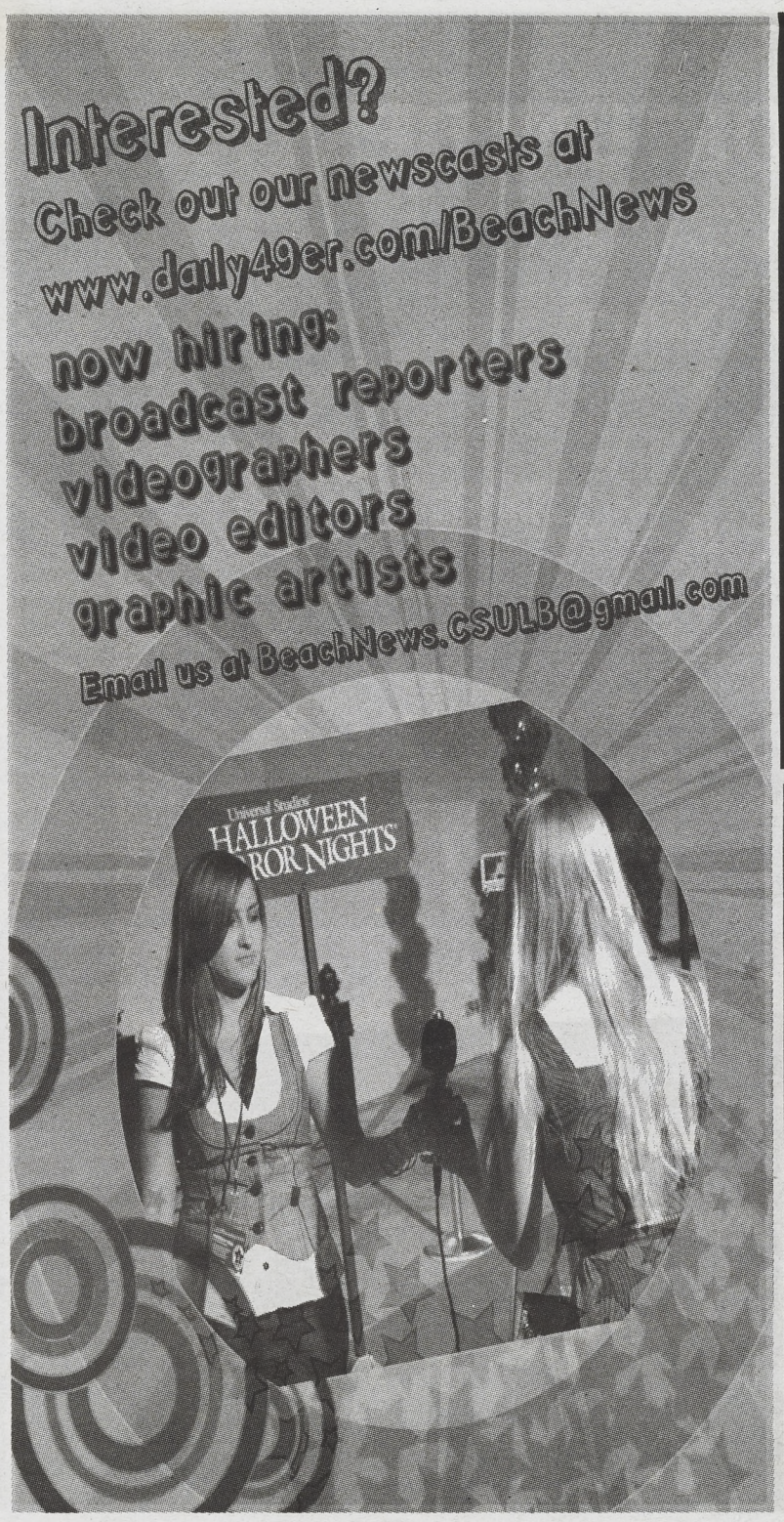

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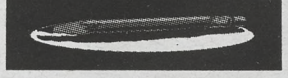

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Brennan Metzger was taken by the San Francisco Giants in the 22nd round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft.

Long Beach State trio taken in MLB Draft

Duffy, Metzger go to Giants; Stuart drafted by Rockies.

By Jason Clark
Sports Editor

Three Long Beach State baseball players heard their names called in this year's MLB First-Year Player Draft, including shortstop Matt Duffy, outfielder Brennan Metzger and pitcher Shawn Stuart.

Duffy and Metzger were each drafted by the San Francisco Giants. Duffy was taken in the 18th round while Metzger was taken in the 22nd.

"I was just sitting at my computer and I saw my name pop up on the draft tracker," Metzger said. "Then my phone started blowing up and about five minutes later I got the call from the scout."

Stuart was the last to receive a phone call when he was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 31st round.

Of the three Long Beach State prospects, Duffy had the highest value coming into the Dirtbags' season. He caught the eyes of scouts with his play in the Cape Cod League last summer, as he hit .348 and was named to the league all-star team.

That value may have taken a hit during the regular season though, as he only managed a .244 batting average. A 16-to-25 strikeout-to-walk ratio and 22 RBI undoubtedly saved him from a draft day slide, however, and he became the first Dirtbag to go off the board.

Metzger, on the other hand, earned all of his draft stock with excellent play in a Long Beach State uniform. The senior center fielder led the Dirtbags in batting average (.302), RBI (37), stolen bases (11) and fielding percentage (.994) and was named to the All-Big West first team.

Metzger will be joining Duffy in Oregon for short-season rookie ball in the Giants' organization.

"It's nice to have someone to lean on if things are looking down," Metzger said of retaining Duffy as a teammate. "We'll be able to pick each other up if one of us goes through a slump."

Stuart, the ace of the Dirtbags' staff, finished his Long Beach State career with a second-team All-Big West selection. He posted an impressive 2.44 ERA and struck out 69 batters en route to a 7-1 record.

The three LBSU alumni are now at the beginning of what could be a very long road to the major leagues. With any luck, they will end up playing in front of tens of thousands of fans like former Dirtbags Evan Longoria and Jered Weaver do now.

"I'm hoping to just make a good mark on the organization," Metzger said. "I'm looking forward to going out and taking advantage of the opportunity."

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